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### THE FALL OF TAMPICO.

THE surrender of Tampico is pregnant with the greatest importance to the constitutionalists of Mexico, as it gives them a seaport and an outlet other than on the Rio Grande. Villa needs money and ammunition. The capture of Tampico will give him the former by enabling him to ship 3,000 bales of cotton he has been holding without any way of converting them into the sinews of war. He could not send them out via the United States, owing to an irascible creditor standing at the Juarez gateway ready to pounce on the staple commodity and he had no other way of getting out of the country. Now he has a seaport and can convert his confiscated assets as fast as he can run them down to the harbor. The question of ammunition, however, is a more difficult one to handle. The United States in pursuance of the blockade will thwart any effort to furnish the rebels or Huertistas with munitions of war and some other arrangements will have to be made by the rebels. The Tampico oil fields will furnish rebels with an abundance of fuel oil and enable them to operate railroads and steamships and re-establish commerce in the southern district where there has been no industry safe for the last three months. The restoration of oil pumping will furnish employment to thousands who have been without any occupation during the long siege and the circulation of money will help pacify those who are willing to help in rebuilding the nation after the long struggle for the removal of Huerta.

### A NEW BANDIT.

A NEW bandit has arisen in Mexico and will add to the brief at Washington. He is a former federal commander who turned bandit when he was hopelessly defeated by the constitutionalists. He is now demanding large sums of money from American cattle companies under threat of destroying windmills on their land. If the windmills are wrecked millions of cattle will die.

When the mediators reach a settlement with Huerta, if by happy chance they effect that result, our government must settle with Carranza and Villa and then with the new bandit, General Rodrigo Querido, and any other brigands who may have come into power meantime. It looks like an endless chain. It might be assumed hastily that the Mexican people themselves ought to deal summarily with bandits, but if they resolve to do this they must decide that vital Mexican question—what is a bandit? General Querido, if given time for argument, might contend that he had just as much right as Villa to exact contributions from foreign corporations. Every new insurrectionary commander assumes that he is the government and has the right to tax. Therefore, what we should probably designate by such vulgar terms as blackmail and robbery, the polite bandit would describe as a military tax.

One of the most delicate questions to be decided by the mediators is whether Mexico has a government, and, if it has, whether it rests in Huerta, Carranza or some other person or party, and just about the time they have arrived at a decision some new insurrectionary force will gain enough power to dispute the ruling. In a word, it is possible to foresee much trouble in Mexico if we only look for it.

Reed Smoot, of Utah, and Thomas, of Colorado, have expressed themselves as opposed to repeal of tolls on American coasters and Nevada is holding its breath to find out what Newlands and Pittman mean to do.

It is now said that Uruguay is friendly to the United States. All of us were on the verge of nervous prostration, fearing that Uruguay would side with Mexico.

The Huerta peace delegates are said to be clothed with full powers. The American delegates are clothed with righteousness.

The department of agriculture advocates a bird census. The census enumerators probably will be birdmen.

Will this Nobel peace prize be awarded this year to the delegates to the Niagara Falls peace conference?

Now that all is quiet in Mexico and Colorado, the Ulster volunteers should seek a little advertisement.

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## CHINESE PIRATES CAPTURE STEAMSHIP AND LOOT VESSEL NEAR HONG KONG

(By Associated Press.)

CANTON, China, May 15.—Ordinary acts of piracy, which occur frequently in the rivers and canals in this section, were completely eclipsed recently when the Norwegian steamship Chaldar was plundered on the high seas.

It was bold enough to recall to the western world the days of Captain Kidd, 200 years ago, and it was a rare case even for these waters.

The number of foreign warships constantly cruising up and down the China coast and the fact that many of the merchant ships carry rifles and ammunition generally deter the Chinese from such acts of boldness, for they are given short shrift when caught. In the early days of the British settlement at Hongkong scores of pirate junks were captured and sunk; there are records of forty and fifty being sent to the bottom in a day.

The Chaldar was captured in a very simple way. About fifty pirates went aboard the ship at Hongkong as ordinary steerage or "deck" passengers, bound for places up the coast. There being altogether 200 Chinese making the journey, no notice was taken of them.

They were evidently a little nervous over the enterprise, and soon roused the suspicions of the bonafide Chinese passengers by their restlessness and earnest conversations in little groups. Seeing that they were being watched they put their plans into execution sooner, evidently, than they had intended, but with complete success.

About forty miles out of Hongkong they whipped out their revolvers and rushed the officers. There were six white officers, and none of them were armed or within the reach of weapons. The second officer, who was on the bridge, tried to give the alarm to the others below and was promptly laid senseless with the butt of a pistol. Otherwise no bodily injury was done.

On their arms, so that they should know one another, the pirates wore white bands similar to those worn by the Chinese revolutionists two years ago. There were characters on the bands, the translation of which is said to be, "Money comes easy."

Four of the officers were tightly bound and placed in the auxiliary wheelhouse at the stern of the ship, while the second and third engineers were left free to work the engines under the direction of the pirates. Pirate navigators assumed control of the bridge and gave the proper signals to the engine room. A very careful course, though dangerous shoals were steered until the ship put into a little bay known as Blas bay. There, two junks, which had evidently been awaiting the arrival of the Chaldar, received the collected money and valuables which had been taken from the ship, the officers and the passengers. Even the uniforms of the officers and the good clothes of the Chinese passengers were taken, and almost all the brass fittings of the ship. In all, the ship lost over \$10,000 in cargo, valuables and damages.

The pirates were, no doubt, much disappointed, for on two previous voyages the Chaldar had carried \$30,000 worth of treasures of one sort and another, valuables that were negotiable ashore without serious danger of discovery. The pirates seemed to be angered by their failure to make the big haul they expected, for, after looting the ship and passengers, they went through the cabins and engine rooms destroying wilfully doors, fittings and furniture.

But the exploit was not without its humorous side. An English speaking buccannier, for instance, sympathizing with the thirsty engineer whom he was controlling revolver in hand,

asked the engineer if he would like a whisky and soda, and, leaving a fellow pirate in charge of the engine room, went to the pantry and brought back a whisky bottle and one of beer, explaining that he could not find sodawater.

Among the pirates were some who understood the navigation of steamships and others who knew how to run the engines. One, indeed, told the engineers in English that he knew more about a marine engine than they did.

When the ship reached Blas Bay and the collections made by the pirates were being put aboard the junks, the English speaking engineer among the robbers ordered the Norwegians to draw the fires and remove certain necessary valves, thereby making it impossible to restart the ship for several hours. It was some hours after the junks sailed away that the Chinese passengers ventured up on deck and unbound the officers, and some hours more before the vessel was in condition to proceed at slow speed back to Hongkong.

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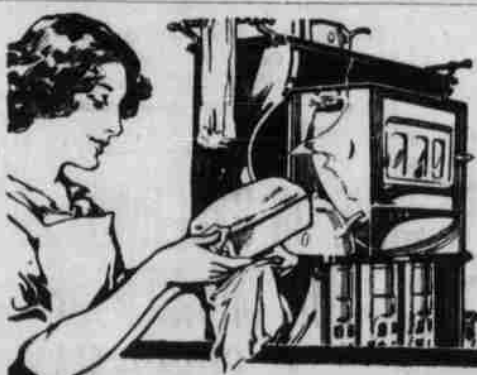
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